

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. Of: NAGAO et al.

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For: FUEL CELL

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the subject Application, please amend the Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this Amendment.

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